

**In the Drawings:**

Please delete Figure 5a and insert new Figure 5a attached hereto.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The drawings were objected to in paragraph 2 of the Notice of Allowance, on the grounds that Figure 5a includes a reference number 18a not described in the specification. Applicant respectfully requests that Figure 5a be replaced with the amended Figure 5a attached hereto on the sheet labeled "Replacement Sheet." Figure 5a is amended to replace reference number "18a" with reference number "18."

The amendment adds no new matter. For instance, paragraph 49 of the present application refers to "a metal ring gasket 18," which is also referenced in the application with respect to Figure 3 and, in more detail, with respect to Figure 4. At paragraph 42, the specification describes a first embodiment of the present invention including a metal ring gasket 18, as shown in Figure 3. The specification describes the metal ring gasket in more detail at paragraph 45 and Figure 4. At paragraph 49, the specification describes a second embodiment that is illustrated in Figure 5a in a style similar to that of Figure 3, again referencing "a metal ring gasket 18 in accordance with the invention."

The specification is amended at paragraph 51 to replace reference number "18a" with reference number "18."

It is submitted that the present amendment requires no additional search and that the claims of the present application remain in condition for allowance. Favorable action is, therefore, respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should any issue remain after consideration of the present amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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